

THE PRESIDENT DRAFTS MESSAGE

Cabinet Members See President's Address to Congress

U. S. ABOUT TO ENTER INTO WAR

German Chancellor's Speech Removes Last Possibility of Peace

Washington, March 31.—President Wilson had before his cabinet yesterday afternoon a tentative draft of the message which he will read to Congress next week on the German crisis.

The message was considered behind the closed and guarded doors of the cabinet room. Despite the care taken to prevent its contents from becoming public all the indications were before the cabinet met that the president would recommend to Congress the passage of a joint resolution recognizing the existence of a state of war between the United States and Germany.

The day when the president will go before Congress is somewhat uncertain in view of the prospect of a partisan fight over the organization of the House. It had been assumed that the president, following his custom, would go up to the capitol on the second day of the session, but it was indicated in administration circles yesterday that he prefers not to make his address until both branches of Congress are in shape to proceed instantly with whatever legislation his address may call for.

Thus, while the Democrats are confidently predicting that they will organize the House on Monday, it may happen, in the event of a deadlock, that the president may not speak before the end of the week.

The president began dictating the speech to his stenographer early yesterday after he had convinced himself from a careful reading of the semi-official dispatches from Berlin that the speech of Herr Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, in the Reichstag Thursday had not indicated in any respect an intention on Germany's part to abandon unconditionally her ruthless submarine warfare.

The opinion that the German chancellor's speech had not in any sense changed the situation was expressed on all sides yesterday. In attempting to justify the undersea warfare by the implied failure of the United States and other neutrals to force an abandonment of the entente blockade of Germany, it was pointed out, Von Bethmann-Hollweg rests the German case precisely where it was at the inception of U-boat ruthlessness.

The fact that the German chancellor made not the slightest effort to suggest a more moderate course to his own country, but seemed rather to appeal to the United States to avoid the clash, is taken in official circles here as showing plainly the extent to which Von Bethmann-Hollweg has lost his hold on the situation.

At the same time it is admitted in Washington that disappointing as the chancellor's speech has been to those who were predicting that it would involve a new peace move or an abandonment of unrestricted submarine warfare, the pa-

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dist group in Congress will doubtless seize upon the favorable phrases of the speech to prove that Germany is not seeking war with the United States.

But just as the speech convinced President Wilson and his advisers that Germany is bent upon prosecuting the submarine warfare at all costs, so it has convinced practically all the members of Congress now in town who have been wavering in their views. And it can be stated with practical assurance that if President Wilson asks Congress to recognize the existence of war or to declare war, Congress by an overwhelming vote will do so.

The only danger of failure on the part of Congress to act would result from failure on the part of the president to state in specific terms just what he wished Congress to do. Congress is in a mood for war, but it wants a leader.

There appeared to be no uncertainty among members of the cabinet before they met yesterday as to what to expect from the president.

The conviction that war is now inevitable brought forth opinions from several of them that indicated an appreciation on the part of the administration of issues involved in the war of even greater and broader consequence to the United States than the question of submarine warfare.

In other words, if the views of individual cabinet officers can be depended upon as a guide, the administration has at last come to the conclusion that the future welfare of the United States is inextricably bound up in a defeat of the German government. Not only administration officials suggest with surprising frankness, has the war shattered the idea of American isolation from European conflicts, but German intrigues have shown clearly that the Prussian dream of world power was by no means limited to the eastern hemisphere.

It was because members of the cabinet were saying yesterday that this phase of America's interest in the war should not be lost sight of that the impression prevailed in many quarters that the president himself, in his address to Congress, would lay some stress upon it.

In many ways since the war began the state department knows the United States has received warning that Germany, if victorious means to crowd out the Monroe doctrine in her search for a comfortable "place in the sun."

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URGE REVOLT IN GERMANY

Throw Off Kaiserism, Say the Slav Working-men

THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO PEACE

Not a Policy of Weakness, Assert Leaders—Will Fight

Petrograd March 30.—The working-men's manifesto states emphatically that it is not a craven appeal for peace, declaring:

"Russia will defend its new-found liberty against all interference whether from within or without. It will not yield before belligerent bayonets, nor will it permit itself to be coerced by foreign military power."

During the debate on the text of the appeal opposition was offered by several speakers who expressed the opinion that it was inopportune and likely to be misunderstood in Germany as an admission of weakness. M. Tcheide, Socialist member of the Duma and president of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates, replied:

"When we speak to the Germans we shall always keep in our hands. We shall fight to the last drop of blood for liberty, if the Germans do not accept the appeal. The dominating idea of the appeal is that we are seeking peace by urging others to throw off the yoke."

After M. Tcheide had spoken M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma, issued from the building amid a scene of the greatest enthusiasm and harangued the soldiers, calling upon them to fight against "the most terrible of enemies, the Germans."

He added, "We shall do our utmost to bring together the constituent assembly without delay, and shall defer to all its decisions and demands with all our power that a regime be established by the will of the people. On the question of the distribution of land I promise the soldiers that if the assembly so resolves the land will be given to the people, without the slightest opposition."

Acclaiming his speech, the soldier took M. Rodzianko on their shoulders and carried him back to the Duma.

DOUBT IN GERMANY OVER WAR OUTCOME

Speeches in Reichstag Assume a Serious Tone for First Time.

Amsterdam, March 31.—For the first time since the start of the war a note of doubt as to Germany's future, has crept into Reichstag speeches, according to dispatches received yesterday from Berlin.

The Centrist member Spahn was quoted as declaring in debate yesterday, following Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech, that he "hoped Germany was prepared to fight a new and powerful foe." The Socialist member Noske bitterly censured Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's Mexican-Japanese scheme against America, and declared the "Prussian system of government must be abolished."

"Germany must not be considered a reactionary country," Noske declared. Spahn asserted that all entente rulers were now sitting on unsafe thrones. "Even in Italy," he said, "a revolutionary spirit is seething and the king is tottering on his throne."

Although dispatches from Germany indicated approval over Hollweg's "no compromise" attitude on the submarine warfare, expressed in his formal speech of Thursday, there were various reports here of widespread discontent over his failure to announce promised electoral reforms. Hollweg was quoted as declaring the time was not yet ripe for such reforms, in view of the fact that the greater part of Germany's voting population was now in the trenches.

Socialistic plans are gaining new adherents in Germany, according to various reports. The Russian revolution and the apparent success of the completely democratic government there have created a profound impression among the German public. That the German leaders force a menace to their power in such unrest was indicated in reports of various efforts to placate by promises.

MAY PUT EMBARGO ON 'PHONE EXTENSION

Government Desires of Holding Reserve Facilities, It Is Announced by American Company.

New York, March 31.—Temporary embargo on telephone service extension throughout the country in order to hold in reserve facilities that may be needed by the government may become necessary, it was announced here yesterday by U. N. Bethell, senior vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

SPRAINS

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4,000 FIRMS OFFER TO HELP THE NAVY

Hundreds of Thousands of Workmen Would Be Put at Service of Government.

Washington, March 31.—Four thousand manufacturing concerns in the United States, employing hundreds of thousands of workers, have offered to turn their plants over to the navy department in case of war. Almost as many more companies, with a like number of employees, have made similar offers to the war department. "The concerns range in size from the smallest to the largest in the country. One of the largest corporations to offer to manufacture government material is the Carnegie Steel company. Some of the companies are willing to let the government operate their plants. Others will manufacture goods at cost, while a few say they will do work for the government at a very small profit. Practically every industry is represented in the lists of the concerns which are now being prepared by the war and navy departments."

CABINET ENTERS MEETING SEEING WAR AHEAD

Members Gathered for Last Time Before Assembling of Congress—Believe Declaration Near.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—As the cabinet met yesterday with President Wilson for the last time before the assembling of Congress Monday, the consensus of opinion was that the United States was about to actively enter into war with Germany.

100 NETS TO CATCH SUBMARINES.

Contract for Three Miles of Mammoth Steel Mesh Amounts to \$188,100.

Washington, March 31.—A contract for 100 steel cable anti-submarine nets was awarded by the navy department yesterday to the American Steel and Wire company of Philadelphia. The contract amounts to \$188,100.

The nets are to be of a 12-foot mesh, 1500 feet long and 34 feet deep. Deliveries will commence within three weeks with ten nets a week thereafter.

The nets are like those extensively used by the allies in guarding the entrance to the Thames and other rivers. The entire Atlantic seaboard is being constantly scanned for German submarines. The lighthouse service, the fishery service and all maritime services of the commerce department, it became known yesterday, are under orders to co-operate with the navy in keeping a close vigil. Reports or rumors of the presence of a strange craft are to be immediately forwarded to Washington.

RAIL-AND-WATER LAKE FREIGHT RATES UP

Increases of Five Per Cent on All Classes and Commodities—Commission Refuses to Suspend Increase.

Washington, March 30.—Increases of about five per cent in freight rates on all classes and commodities moving east and west by way of rail and ship lines over the Great Lakes went into effect yesterday, when the Interstate Commerce commission declined to suspend tariffs proposing them.

FARM HAND'S ENVIABLE LOT.

Statistics Show He's Better Off Than the Factory Worker.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—A farm laborer's wage of \$25.50 a month, with board, is equal to \$90 a month in view of the increased cost of food, the department of labor estimates in a statement published yesterday.

In spite of this, 16 out of every 100 farm laborers in the country took factory jobs last year, the vast majority of these working at much less than the \$90 figure.

Rutland Chips and Blocks.

The Rutland high school boys are chips of the old blocks. When the proposition was put up to them, in answer to a general request, how many wished to organize a military company at the high school, 95 boys handed in their names. This is a remarkable showing and is an unmistakable pointer as to the loyalty of the rising generation. We are not so far away from the days of the Civil war as to have lost the effect of that great struggle in behalf of the union. Many of the "boys in blue" are still among us, and the deeds of heroism they and their comrades wrought to save this nation have not been lost upon their children and their children's children. In the days of the French revolution the children of Paris were wont to parade in the streets of that city, bearing banners inscribed, "Tremble Tyrants we are growing up." Such is the attitude of the boys of America. The action of the high school students does not necessarily mean that the children of the country will be put into the ranks of fighting men. It does mean that our boys have not lost the patriotism of their sires, but stand ready to back up their loyalty to country with arms if necessary. It will do the boys no harm to learn how to fire a gun, and the incidental manure of a soldier's career.—Rutland Herald.

HAS VETERAN TEAM.

If War Does Not Take Many St. Albans Players.

St. Albans, March 31.—St. Albans high school will be represented on the diamond this year by one of the fastest teams in the history of the school. Capt. Brackett will lead a veteran team, as not one member of last year's team was lost by graduation last June. There is, however, the possibility that those of the team who have joined the machine gun company, St. Albans, V. N. G., will be called out on account of the present war crisis, and, as a result, the high school team will be greatly handicapped. But there is still a chance of the "boys" not going. There is also a word of new material to pick from, and, even if the machine gun company is called out, this raw material could be moulded into a good team, using those who have not joined the militia as a foundation. The following have joined the militia: Capt. Brackett, first base; S. C. Neilburg, pitcher; Edward Doherty, pitcher; Harry Walsh, pitcher; Robert Corrigan, catcher; Charles Shannon, outfield; Eugene Finn, second base; Walter Finn, outfield; Simon Godfrey, outfield.

The following are the remaining ones if the company is called out: Walter Budd, third base; Francis Brooks, pitcher; Clement Ward, pitcher; John Simpson, catcher; Ralph Herrin, catcher; Elisha Corrigan, outfield; Arthur Sheehan, shortstop; Benjamin Center, second base; Chandler Davis, outfield.

Manager Jennings has arranged one of the longest and most difficult schedules ever attempted by the school, and this list has been accepted by the athletic association. The following is the schedule:

- April 17—Swanton at Swanton.
- April 21—Swanton at St. Albans.
- April 25—Bellows Free academy at Fairfax.
- April 28—Essex at St. Albans.
- May 2—Pending.
- May 5—Plattsburg at St. Albans.
- May 12—Montpelier at Montpelier.
- May 12—Johnson at St. Albans.
- May 14—Brigham academy at St. Albans.
- May 16—Spaulding high at Barre.
- May 19—Montpelier at St. Albans.
- May 24—Essex at St. Albans.
- May 26—Middlebury at St. Albans.
- May 28—Brigham at Bakersfield.
- May 30—Spaulding high at St. Albans.
- June 2—Burlington at St. Albans.
- June 7—Bennington at Bennington.
- June 8—Rutland at Rutland.
- June 9—Trotter at Proctor.
- June 13—Burlington at Burlington.
- June 16—West Rutland at St. Albans.
- June 21—Albany at St. Albans.
- June 23—Proctor at St. Albans.

General Sporting Notes.

Dick Rudolph's sore arm is improving very rapidly as the season progresses. In the game Thursday he pitched with the same great skill which he has been showing major league fans during the past four years.

Al Shubert and Dick Loadman are scheduled to box in Philadelphia next Wednesday evening. This ought to be one of the better bouts of the spring, as both men are going good at present.

Johnny Evers' shoulder slipped out of joint in Thursday's game, but quick work placed it back in the socket. It is feared that it may keep him out of the game for some time to come, as it is the shoulder which troubled him last season.

J. Weldon Wyckoff says that he will play no more basketball through the winter months as it tends to form a muscle which binds his muscles in the shoulder, and gives a pushing movement to the ball, which he is trying to eliminate. Manager Jack Barry thinks very highly of this same Wyckoff and is spending a few strenuous moments trying to get the Wilkesbarre boy to working right, as Barry seems to think that Wyckoff has the stuff which will turn many a good team on the downward path, after he gets to going right.

Promoter George Tuohy has served papers on Aberg, the giant wrestler, for \$2,500 damages for breach of contract. Ivan Linov believes that he can train himself in a manner which will give him strength and skill to defeat Zybeko, the Polish wrestler.

A triple play executed in the Brown varsity baseball practice Thursday afternoon, which might be of interest to Barre fans, was pulled off when Murray, former Goddard student, hit a line drive to the first baseman, who touched first base and threw the man out at second base, after the runner had played too far from the sack.

Bernard Healy of Brookline, Mass., was elected captain for the 1918 hockey team at Boston college. He was one of the best progressive players on the team last season and is considered by followers of the college as a good leader, who can get results from his men.

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If your child coughs, snuffles and has caught cold or is feverish or has a sore throat give a good dose of "California Syrup of Figs" to evacuate the bowels no matter what other treatment is given. Sick children need to be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure. They also know a little given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

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Another High Price Record Is Added to Those Established Recently at Chicago.

Chicago, March 31.—Hog prices at the Union Stock yards went soaring to new altitudes yesterday. Lighter receipts than expected sent the general market up 15 to 20 cents. The top price was \$15.50 for choice heavy hogs.

WHAT PEACE LEAGUE PLANS.

Statement by Ex-President Taft Makes Clouded Features Clearer.

The purpose of the League to Enforce Peace are so clouded at the present time that the statement of ex-Gov. William Howard Taft, a supporter of the league, concerning the organization's aims will be of particular value. Mr. Taft says:

"The break with Germany and the imminence of war furnish the strongest arguments for the League to Enforce Peace, and all who support the plan should realize that they can now do more effective work even than they have heretofore. Preparedness is one of the watchwords of the hour. Our executive committee has pronounced more than once in favor of national preparedness to meet all emergencies and pointed out the fact that the plan it puts forward makes preparedness a necessity. The duty to support the president in his foreign policy is plain. The league has declared a thousand times that it is not a stop-the-war movement, and has pledged its support in the defense of civilization and the rights of our citizens. The reason we have protested against Germany's ruthless submarine warfare and broken off relations with her is because her conduct is subversive of any peace that is worth having. As we are forced into the war our sole purpose must be to secure the right kind of a peace after the war, for ourselves and for the whole—a permanent and righteous peace. This fact is fundamental to the whole situation and ought to be kept constantly before the minds of all people. We are contending for a righteous and permanent peace, and for nothing else whatsoever. Preparation for such a peace is the most important part of preparedness. The president has this strongly in mind. If, through the growth of hatred and the cry for vengeance, the world should lose sight of its real purpose and come to the end of the war not knowing what

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it most wants and needs, and so should fail to roll the burden of militarism off its shoulders and to establish lasting peace, it would be a tragedy in the history of the world. During the present crisis and throughout the war which is at hand the duty of the League to Enforce Peace is to stimulate military preparedness on the one hand, and on the other to spread its gospel of world organization for permanent peace after this conflict is over."

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In the telephone business, the work of our "weavers of speech," although constantly supervised, stands as a finished product. Deficiencies are detected in two ways: first, by our own supervision (which, although strict and constant, necessarily cannot be complete); second, by reports from our customers.

On this inspection and these reports we largely base our plans for service improvements. Therefore, we request telephone users, having service criticism to make, to notify the chief operator as soon as possible after the occasion for criticism. Almost any error in a toll connection can be ascertained from the records, but a local call loses its identity so quickly as to be practically undiscoverable unless traced AT ONCE.

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